

## ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY

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### ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, FBI, HSCA, USSS, AND NSA RECORDS

#### March 13-14, 1997 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on March 13-14, 1997 to release 593 CIA, FBI, HSCA, USSS, and NSA documents, including duplicates, related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 16 CIA records in part. The majority of these records are HSCA documents with CIA equities. Included in this group of documents are HSCA staff notes on various topics such as Mexico City, organized crime, George DeMohrenschildt, E. Howard Hunt, Castro assassination plots, and Cuba. The Board also voted to postpone in full 29 additional CIA documents because the documents have "no believed relevance" (NBR) to the assassination of President Kennedy.

#### FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 66 FBI records, eight in full and 58 in part. These documents relate in part to the investigations of Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination, documents from New Orleans about the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and records regarding the Ku Klux Klan's reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy. An additional 157 FBI records will be available by consent release.

#### HSCA Records

The Board voted to release 130 HSCA documents in part. Included in this group of documents are Chicago Police Department file summaries regarding figures such as Sam Giancana, Charles Nicoletti, and John Roselli. An additional 136 HSCA records will be available by consent release.

#### Designation of Assassination Records

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated

additional Secret Service records as “assassination records.” These records

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include portions of Protective Research Files on Abraham Bolden and Pedro Diaz Lanz, testimony of Chief James J. Rowley and Assistant Director Thomas J. Kelley to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence (October 3, 1968), a classified document log book (1961-1965), and portions of USSS personnel files.

### **NSA Records**

The Board voted to release one document in part. This record details changes in several Latin American countries military alert status.

### **Ford Library Consent Releases**

The Ford Library has transferred 56 documents to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection. These documents consist primarily of records from the Church and Rockefeller Commissions.

### **Notification to the President and the Agencies**

Notification of the Review Board’s action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on March 28, 1997. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board’s decisions.

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